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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GODLEY' S CALL ON BURMESE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. IN CALL ON BURMESE FOREIGN MINISTER U KYAW SOE APRIL 4
AMBASSADOR GODLEY DESCRIBED PRESENT SITUATION IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA
AND EXPRESSED CONCERN AT VIOLATIONS OF PEACE SETTLEMENT, AFFIRM-
ING THAT USG WOULD NOT STAND IDLY BY IF FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS PER-
SISTED. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT HANOI' S INTENTIONS WERE BEING PUT
TO ACID TEST. KYAW SOE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PARIS AGREEMENTS
BEING IGNORED AND NOTED GUB' S VIEW THAT SOONER HOSTILITIES COM-
PLETELY OVER THE BETTER. GODLEY PRAISED GUB' S JANUARY 26
COMMUNIQUE.

2. OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED (A) BURMESE ATTITUDE TOWARD
NARCOTICS PROBLEM, WITH KYAW SOE GOING INTO HISTORICAL ASPECTS,
AND EXPLAINING GUB TURN- DOWN OF US ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF U. S.
FAILURE TO TRUST BURMESE TO USE AID PROPERLY; (B) GUB' S DECISION
NOT RPT NOT TO BE REPRESENTED AT FORTHCOMING ASEAN MEETING; AND
(C) EXPOSITION BY KYAW SOE OF BURMA' S COLONIAL HISTORY AND EXPER-
IENCE OF GOVERNMENT UNDER POLITICIANS TO EXPLAIN CURRENT ONE
PARTY, SOCIALIST POLICIES.

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3. COMMENT: (A) THIS WAS LENGTHIEST TALK THAT ANY OFFICIAL US VISITOR HAS HAD WITH HIGH BURMESE OFFICIAL FOR MANY YEARS, AND IS INDICATIVE OF IMPORTANCE PLACED BY KYAW SOE ON CONVEYING BURMESE VIEWS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE- DESIGNATE GODLEY. ALTHOUGH KYAW SOE DID NOT RPT NOT REVEAL ANY NEW FACETS OF GUB FOREIGN POLICY, NOR ANY NEW DECISIONS, HIS REMARKS AS ONE OF SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND CONFIDANT OF PRIME MINISTER NE WIN PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO GUB' S RATIONALE AND POSTURE. (B) IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT KYAW SOE HIMSELF BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF NARCOTICS, AND TWICE STEERED CONVERSATION BACK TO IT. (C) AMB-ASSADOR GODLEY' S VISIT WAS MOST HELPFUL IN DEMONSTRATING USG' S SYMPATHETIC INTEREST IN BURMA AND IN GIVING GUB FIRST HAND PICTURE OF REALITIES IN INDOCHINA AND CONVEYING US VIEWS AT PRESENT IMPORTANT JUNCTURE.

4. DETAILED MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION FOLLOWS.

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